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In re Patent Application of:  
Etsuo Okahara et al.

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For: IN-MOLD COAT-FORMING METHOD AND  
IN-MOLD-COATED MOLD PRODUCT

Examiner: E. H. Lee

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 28, 2009, the Examiner has required election of species between:

- a) the claims directed toward clamping forces used in the second and fourth/third steps are substantially the same; and
- b) the claims directed toward clamping forces used in the second step is smaller than that used in the first step.

Applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, Group a), covered by Claims 1, 2, 8 and 9.

In any event, Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims prior to issuance of any patent maturing from the instant application.

Please charge this fee and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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Respectfully submitted,

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